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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of setting up of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU);

(b) the number of students from hills, rural and urban areas at present in IGNOU;

(c) the techniques used in providing education in far flung areas by IGNOU till now;

(d) whether IGNOU is not successful in achieving its purpose alongwith reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) was established for the introduction and promotion of open university and distance education systems in the educational pattern of the country and the coordination and determination of standards in such systems and with the objective to provide opportunities for higher education to a larger segment of the population and to promote the educational well being of the community.

(b) The total number of students, at present in IGNOU, including those from hills, rural and urban areas is approximately 16 lakh, of which nearly 4.61 lakh have been enrolled in January and July cycles this year.

(c) The University uses Information and Communication Technologies, Study Centre methodology to clear doubts, self instructional materials, audio − visual aids, tele - conferencing, video conferencing, Gyan Darshan Educational T V Channel, Gyan Vani radio broadcast and interactive radio counselling etc. for providing education in far flung areas.

(d) and (e) IGNOU has been able to achieve the purpose of its establishment.